



RWS Homework Policy – A Guide for Parents, 2025–26

At RWS, we believe homework plays a vital role in helping students make progress. When used effectively, it strengthens classroom learning, builds independent study habits, and helps students retain knowledge over time.

We're committed to working in partnership with families to ensure homework supports every child's success.

Why Homework Matters

- Reinforces what students learn in lessons.
 - Encourages independent thinking and responsibility.
 - Helps build long-term memory and study skills.
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Our Approach to Homework We follow key principles to make homework meaningful and manageable:

- **Consistency:** Homework is set regularly to build routines.
 - **Purpose:** Tasks are linked to curriculum goals and help to deepen understanding.
 - **Skill Development:** Tasks help build reading, writing, and memory skills.
 - **Clear Communication:** Homework is explained in class and posted on Satchel One.
 - **Feedback:** Students review their homework in the next lesson and respond using green pen.
 - **Praise:** Students regularly receive teacher points from subject teachers for excellent effort on homework.
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Homework Expectations by Year Group

Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9)

- Each homework task should take around 30 minutes.
- Core subjects set homework weekly.
- Optional subjects set homework fortnightly.
- No homework is set during school holidays.



Year 7

- All students receive the same homework within each subject.
- Incomplete homework results in a Level 2 sanction.
- Detentions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in ML3.

Years 8 & 9

- Incomplete homework results in a Level 1 sanction.
 - After three Level 1s, students attend a 60-minute detention in IT3.
 - No homework is set during the school holidays.
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Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11)

- All subjects set 45 minutes of homework weekly.
 - Religious Studies: 45 minutes fortnightly.
 - Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics): 30 minutes fortnightly.
 - Homework is set during school holidays to support exam preparation.
 - Same sanctions apply as in Years 8–9.
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Key Stage 5 (Years 12–13)

- Students complete at least two 1-hour homework tasks per week.
 - One hour of written work is completed in supervised study.
 - Homework is also set during holidays.
 - Incomplete homework leads to Level 1 sanctions and detentions.
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How Homework Is Set

- Homework is posted on **Satchel One** during lessons and explained clearly.
 - Teachers work together to ensure consistency and clarity.
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Supporting Your Child

- We're mindful of balancing workload across subjects.
- Tutors will support students and families to encourage homework completion.
- Students can attend **Homework Club** in the library every Wednesday from 3:10–4:10pm.

How You Can Help

- Check Satchel One regularly to stay informed.
- Encourage your child to complete homework on time.
- Praise effort and presentation.
- Contact your child's form tutor or relevant subject teacher, in the first instance if you have concerns.